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Ongoing & Upcoming

Thursday, April 16

Rob Mitchell, *Castaway Kid*
author: 7 p.m., Asheboro library.

Monday, April 20

Movie Monday for Adults: *The Duchess*. 2:15 p.m. Asheboro library.

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Friends of the Library Membership Campaign:
All week, Asheboro library.

Thursday, April 23

Favorites From Lane Ragsdale and Friends: 7 p.m., Asheboro library.

Tuesday, April 28

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Luna Book Club: *The Heretic's Daughter* by Kathleen Kent, 7 p.m., Asheboro library

Monday, May 4

Movie Monday for Adults: *The Astronaut Farmer*. 2:15 p.m. Asheboro library.

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Randolph County Public Library



Membership Week: April 20-25, 2009

Allow us to introduce ourselves.

We are people from the community who are passionate about the vitality of the

Randolph County Public Library.

Our dynamic group contributes volunteer hours to provide creative programming that keeps the Library a vibrant part of our community.

- Children's summer reading programs
- Noted author visits and book signing
- Purchase of new books for the Library collection
- Furnishings for the Library
- Cultural events promoting literature and the arts
- Receptions for a wide variety of Library events
- The Friends of the Library Used Bookshop Downtown

We invite you to become a

Friend of the Library.

We believe the Library is the cornerstone of the community.

Through the years the services the Friends have provided have been award-winning at the state level. Please help us keep this foundation strong by joining the Friends of the Library. With membership you will receive the library's monthly newsletter informing you of all upcoming events. To join, use the Friends of the Library membership form on the back page of this newsletter.

All current Friends and anyone interested in becoming a Friend are invited to drop by the upstairs conference room at the Asheboro library during the week of April 20-25 to learn about all the exciting opportunities that the Friends have to offer. We thank you for your support and look forward to counting you as one of our Friends!

Friends of the Library Membership Committee,

Laurie West, Missy Rankin, Tina Sisco, Becca Whitley & Suzanne Liniñger

Library gets RCPC grant for children's books

Ruby K. Marsh to hold book signing

Experts to present safety, security workshop for seniors

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Book Club for Men

Join us at 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at the Asheboro library for a discussion of *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt. 318-6827 for details.

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 Tues, Thur 9-8;
 Sat 9-5

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 201 Worth St.
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 Sat 9-5

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336-318-6815
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 Tues, Wed 9-9

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 1512 S. Main St.
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336-873-7521
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 Sat 10-3

Extension Service

336-318-6816 or 336-318-6817
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336-318-6833

*from
 the
 director*



Library has lots to celebrate in April

♣ April brings more than spring showers.

National Library Week, sponsored by the American Library Association, is April 12-18. The National Association for the Education of Young Children's Week of the Young Child is April 19-25, as is National Volunteer Week.

So what is the library doing to mark this important month?

All libraries in the Randolph Public Library system have an abundance of new children's books and audio-visuals for ages 0-5 thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the Randolph County Partnership for Children (RCPC). One of the Partnership's goals is to increase the time that families in RCPC-funded programs spend reading together as a measure of the effectiveness of the programs, which include Raising a Reader (RAR), Pre-Kindergarten and Parents as Teachers programs. Research has shown that children exposed to reading early in life are much more successful readers and learners in the future. This year, 79 percent of participating families reported an increase in time spent reading.

Raising a Reader is in the second year of a pilot program in Randolph County. Multiple sets of award winning children's books are circulated on a weekly basis to participating children on a 26-week rotation. At the mid-point of the rotation, children receive a blue bag to encourage the public library

experience, another key component of the program.



Melina Simpson

Melina Simpson, Randolph County Raising a Reader Coordinator will present at the national Smart Start Conference on May 8 in Greensboro.

Melina says "this program has immense value. RAR does not teach a child how to read but gives them the necessary skills to learn how to read. When a person takes time to share a book with a child, they are saying, 'I care for you, you are important and learning is fun!' This program is about reaching out to the whole family through book sharing and, in turn, making use of the public libraries as a resource for parents and their children."

The Friends of the Library will be holding a membership drive during the week of April 20-25, encouraging new memberships by telling their story. A Friend's membership is the engine that drives all the wonderful free library programming offered through the year.

Finally, the Volunteer Center will be displaying photographs of volunteers in action in Randolph County during the week of April 20. Volunteer Center Chief Amy Byrd will be paying tribute to those many "points of light" so aptly named by President George H.W. Bush.

Hope to see you here!

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Nonagenarian author Ruby Marsh to hold book signing at library

♣ **Ninety-seven year-old Ruby K. Marsh will debut her first novel during a book signing at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16, the Asheboro library**

The signing is free and the public is invited.

Born on February 4, 1911, Marsh has dreamt of writing a novel since high school. Now, *Strawberry Road*, a novelized family history, will be in print shortly from Publish America.

"The upheavals and downs in our life make a wonderful story, and I do



Ruby K. Marsh will sign copies of her new novel at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Asheboro library.

not give up when I start a project," says Marsh. She also stresses the importance of preserving family history to keep it alive for future generations.

Over a lifetime raising a family, working in hosiery mills and pursuing hobbies such as painting, embroidery, music and gardening, Marsh never gave up writing.

She self-published *LORE*, a book of family poems; and operetta called *Old*

Jolly Zen, the *Snowman* for which she also wrote the music; and *Keepers of Memories*, biographical sketches of Confederate widows.

Experts to present safety, security workshop for senior citizens

♣ **"Safety and Security for Seniors" — both physical and financial — will be the topic of a program at 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at the Asheboro library.**

The program is free and the public is invited.

Corporal Scott Harris, crime prevention officer and Crime Stoppers liaison with the Randolph County Sheriff's Department, will advise seniors, especially those who live

alone, on being secure at home.

Myra Gaddy, a victim's advocate in the Randolph County Sheriff's Department's Detective Division and acting chair of Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT), will discuss identity theft and financial security.

Donald Heermans Jr., regional long-term care ombudsman for the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments, will talk about how retirement community residents can avoid frauds and scams often targeted at them.

Book discussions

Next for **Asheboro Reads** is *Wesley the Owl* by Stacy O'Brien, 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 31. The **Luna Book Club** will discuss *The Heretic's Daughter* by Kathleen Kent, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 31.

The **Senior Book Club** will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at the Senior Adults Center in Asheboro to discuss *Under the Tuscan Sun* by Frances Mayes.

Library discussion groups are open to anyone who would like to participate. Refreshments are served.

Computer class

Asheboro library computer classes are ongoing at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays and occasional Saturdays. Contact the library at 318-6800 menu option 4 to sign up for a class.

Book sales

The **Friends of the Library Bookshop** is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 226 Sunset Avenue in Asheboro. The Friends accept donations of books at the bookshop during regular hours.

The **Randleman Public Library Book Sale** takes place from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month, next to the library at 124 Commerce Place.

May-June combined newsletter to feature Summer Reading

The May and June issues of the Randolph County Public Library News will be combined to provide a single, comprehensive guide to the library's Summer Reading Program

for children, teens and adults. The theme for this year's children's program is Be Creative; for teens it's Express Yourself. Look for the newsletter on or about June 1.

Friends of the Randolph Public Library

YES! I'd like to become a Friend and support the wonderful programs sponsored by the Friends each year:

NAME _____

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- ☐ Student \$5
- ☐ Adult \$15
- ☐ Family..... \$25
- ☐ Patron \$100
- ☐ Benefactor..... \$250
- ☐ Lifetime..... \$500
- ☐ Corporate Sponsor..... \$_____

Mail to: Friends of the Library
P.O. Box 2806
Asheboro, NC 27204
Memberships are tax deductible

YES! I'd like to help: ____Program planning____Program Receptions ____Book Sales____Membership

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